

I can't imagine why the NAB is concerned with Satellite radio distributing helpful information to its subscribers. What is the issue here? People who listen to satellite radio make the choice by paying for the service, so if the NAB is concerned with consumers paying for weather and traffic services, remember, people choose to pay. They are not forced.

I don't see why this is a concern anyway. Consumers know they can get this information from other sources for free. What difference does it make how this information is distributed so long as the consumer has a choice?

I'd think the FCC and NAB would be more concerned with the content of what's being distributed, rather than by whom. I can't imagine that these agencies aren't concerned about the rate of descent the quality of programming has taken. If they aren't, they should be. There's way too much garbage out there. If these agencies are so concerned, that's where they should start. At least XM Radio has the sense to put warnings about the content on some of their programs (eg. the comedy channel or Playboy - which requires the subscriber to request).

XM Radio has been a refreshing change. It's nice not to have so much empty bubble gum wrapper trash shoved down the throat. What happened to artistic diversity anyway? Money, that's what. No commercials, not much financial influence other than from the subscribers; that's where the influence should come from. It's no fun now that the pop charts are bought and sold depending on who's to made that day. Perhaps these organizations should ask the consumer what they want for a change instead of telling the people what it is they want. You know, a lot of us can still think for ourselves.

For these reasons I oppose petition 04-160 submitted by NAB